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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION****Claims Amendments**

1. (Currently Amended) A ski binding or a snowboard binding having boot holder components on the front or toe end and on the rear or heel end for securing a boot on a ski or a snowboard, the ski or snowboard having a guide apparatus extending in the longitudinal direction of the ski, comprising:

said boot holder components form-fittingly connected to the guide apparatus, said boot holder components fixed on the guide apparatus in the vertical direction and detachable from the guide apparatus in the horizontal direction,

a holding device arranged between the boot holder components and secured on the ~~ski or snowboard~~ guide apparatus, and

connection elements connecting the guide apparatus to the holding device, wherein:

at least one of the boot holder components and the connection elements has an adjusting device having an adjusting input operated by a motor-driven tool.

2-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A ski binding or snowboard binding having boot holder components on the front or toe end and on the rear or heel end for securing a boot on a ski or a snowboard, the ski or snowboard having a guide apparatus extending in the longitudinal direction of the ski, comprising:

said boot holder components form-fittingly connected to the guide apparatus, said boot holder components fixed on the guide apparatus in the vertical direction and detachable from the

guide apparatus in the horizontal direction,

a holding device arranged between the boot holder components and secured on the ~~ski or~~  
snowboard guide apparatus, and

said boot holder components coupled in the longitudinal direction of the guide apparatus to  
said holding device, and

connection elements adjustable against further toe-to-heel movement of the connection  
elements connecting the guide apparatus to the holding device, wherein the connection elements are  
part of a threaded spindle.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A binding according to claim [[6]]5, wherein the threaded spindle is  
mounted axially on the holding device and is screwed into parts having an internal screw thread with  
threaded sections having opposing threads, said parts being arranged in an axially fixed manner in  
the boot holding components.

8. (Previously Presented) A binding according to claim 5, wherein at least one of the boot holder  
components and the connection elements has an adjusting device having an adjusting input operated  
by a motor-driven tool.

9-10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) A binding according to claim 8, wherein said motor-driven tool is an  
electric screwdriver.

12. (Currently Amended) A binding according to claim [[9]]1, wherein said motor-driven tool is an  
electric screwdriver.

13. (Currently Amended) A ski binding or snowboard binding having boot holder components on  
the front or toe end and on the rear or heel end for securing a boot on a ski or a snowboard, the ski

or snowboard having a flexible guide apparatus having a front portion, a central portion and a rear portion, said guide apparatus extending in the longitudinal direction of the ski or snowboard, said binding comprising:

a front baseplate for holding a boot holding component and configured for being displaceably mounted on the front portion of said guide apparatus;

a rear base plate configured for being displaceably mounted on the rear portion of said guide apparatus;

a holding apparatus for being fixedly mounted on the central portion of said guide apparatus between said front base plate and said rear base plate; and

structure for displacing said front base plate and said rear base plate longitudinally along the guide apparatus;

said front base plate and said rear base plate flexing in response to the flexing of the ski or snowboard when said base plates are mounted on said guide apparatus, wherein said structure for displacing said front base plate and said rear base plate is a rotatable spindle configured to move said base plates in opposite directions according to the direction of rotation of said spindle, and wherein said front base plate and said rear base plate are configured to be moved in the longitudinal direction in response to the rotation of said spindle.

14. (Canceled)